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SUBJECT: VIETNAMESE REFUGEES ABOARD ISRAELI-OWNED VESSEL

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SUMMARY: GROC HAS DECIDED NOT REPEAT NOT TO LAND THE SIXTY-SIX PERSONS, REPORTEDLY REFUGEES, PICKED UP BY THE "M/V YUVALI" IN THE SOUTH CHINA SEA. THE VESSEL IS PRESENTLY IN THE PORT OF KEELUNG, ROC. THE EMBASSY HAS BEEN INVITED TO SEND A REPRESENTATIVE TO INTERVIEW THESE SIXTY-SIX PERSONS AND WILL DO SO AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. THE VESSEL REPORTEDLY WILL DEPART FROM KEELUNG FOR YOKAHAMA, JAPAN, IN ABOUT ONE WEEK. END SUMMARY.

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1. ROC MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS' DIRECTOR OF CONSULAR AFFAIRS, YU PENG, TOLD EMBASSY'S COUNSELOR FOR CONSULAR AFFAIRS IN LOW KEY ON JUNE 15 THAT THE GROC HAD DECIDED NOT REPEAT NOT TO LAND THE SIXTY-SIX PERSONS ABOARD THE "M/V YUVALI". HE INFORMDHH CNSELOR THAT THE ROC EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON HAD FORWARDED A MESSAGE ON THIS MATTER AND THAT HE WAS AWARE OF THE DEPARTMENT'S/EMBASSY'S

INTEREST.

2. YU PENG STATED THAT HIS GOVERNMENT "DISTINGUISHED" BETWEEN A FIRST GROUP OF REFUGEES WHO ARRIVED OFF TAIWAN IN MARCH IN SMALL CRAFT (SEE TAIPEI 3188) AND THE PRESENT GROUP WHICH ARRIVED BY CARGO VESSEL. HE DID NOT ELABORATE ON THIS DISTINCTION.

3. YU PENG INDICATED THE VESSEL WHEN RESUPPLIED WOULD BE INSTRUCTED TO PROCEED BUT THAT THE EMBASSY WAS FREE TO SEND A REPRESENTATIVE TO INTERVIEW THE SIXTY-SIX PERSONS ON THE VESSEL PRIOR TO ITS DEPARTURE.

4. THE LOCAL SHIPPING AGENT (CONTACTED LATER BY EMBASSY) STATED THAT: THE "M/V YUVALI" IS ISRAELI OWNED AND LIBERIAN REGISTERED; THE OWNERS ARE OFER BROTHERS (MGMT) LTD., HAIFA, ISRAEL; THE VESSEL IS UNDER CHARTER TO JIM ISRAEL NAVIGATION COMPANY OF HAIFA. THE AGENT REPORTS THAT IT WILL TAKE ABOUT ONE WEEK TO REMOVE LOCAL CARGO AT WHICH POINT THE VESSEL IS SCHEDULED TO DEPART FOR YOKAHAMA, JAPAN, FROM ITS PRESENT LOCATION IN THE PORT OF KEELUNG, ROC.

5. THE SHIPPING AGENT ALSO REPORTS THAT THE SIXTY-SIX PERSONS ARE STUDENTS, PROFESSIONAL PERSONS, WOMEN AND CHILDREN (THIRTY-FOUR MEN, TEEN WOMEN, AND SIXTEEN CHILDREN) AND THAT THEY ALL REPEAT ALL CLAIM TO HAVE RELATIVES IN THE UNITED STATES OR CANADA.

6. EMBASSY PLANS TO SEND REPRESENTATIVE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE TO VESSEL TO INTERVIEW THIS GROUP AND WILL ATEMPT TO OBTAIN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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INFORMATION ON THESE CLAIMED RELATIVES.

7. COUNSELOR INFORMED YU PENG THAT HE CLEARLY UNDERSTOOD THE GROC'S POSITION BUT IN VIEW OF USG'S STRONG ENDORSEMENT OF AND HIGH-LEVEL INTEREST IN ISRAELI REQUEST, HE CONSIDERED THE GROC'S POSITION "UNFORTUNATE."

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